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TO OUR CHINA POLICY

The Washington scene, political life, and/or America's current foreign policy come in for some pointed discussion this summer in: "View From the Seventh Floor" by W. W. Rostow (*Harper & Row*), "The Invisible Government," a study of the C.I.A. by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross (*Random*), "Plunging Into Politics" by Marshall Loeb and William Safire (*McKay*), "Observations of an Unfrosted Diplomat" by John Paton Davies, Jr. (*Norton*), "A Curtain of Ignorance," by Felix Greene which takes stringent issue with our China policy (*Doubleday*), "Tales Out of Congress" by Ohio Senator Stephen M. Young (*Lippincott*).

Publication Announcement for June 22

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THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT by David Wise and Thomas B. Ross is even more controversial than the authors' previous book, "The U-2 Affair." It provides a searching examination of the "invisible government" which, Mr. Wise and Mr. Ross say, with the C.I.A. at its center, conducts the policies of the United States in the cold war. They define this massive secret government and include four chapters on the Bay of Pigs episode and the C.I.A.'s involvement in it. Mr. Wise is chief of the Washington bureau of the New York *Herald Tribune*. Mr. Ross is Washington correspondent for the Chicago *Sun-Times*.

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# Kennedy Speculation Rife Overseas

Tomorrow marks the end of the fifth month since the assassination of John F. Kennedy. That interest in the late President remains extremely high is attested by the fact that the nation's top three non-fiction best sellers continue to be books by or about him.

In Europe and the Middle East, preoccupation with Mr. Kennedy not only continues to be great, it seems actually to be growing, but with a difference. There interest centers not on the meaning of his life but on what are regarded as the mysterious and still unexplained circumstances of his death.

Said the wife of a highly placed Middle East foreign ministry official the first moment we were alone: "Now you can tell us what we've been dying to ask you. Who really killed Kennedy? It was Zionists, the Jews, wasn't it?"

"Just before the assassination," added her husband, "Kennedy spoke some very conciliatory words supporting our side in the Palestinian refugee dispute. We are sure that's why he was killed. Ruby-Rubinstein is certainly a Jew, and we understand Oswald may have been too."

AT LUNCH not an hour after arrival in Paris, the assassination was the first topic of conversation. A French friend's rather excitable comments were based on a reading of four articles in a left of center weekly, L'Express, ar-

ticles written by Thomas G. Buchanan Jr., an ex-Communist, one-time Washington newspaper reporter who is now a Paris-based computer programmer.

It is Buchanan's contention that the Dallas police may have permitted Oswald to kill the President, and then had him murdered to silence him. He even hints that Patrolman Tippett may have bungled an assignment to kill Oswald, and vaguely implicates everyone from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the John Birch Society to the State Department to the CIA to Texas' reactionary oil millionaires, fearful that Kennedy had gone "soft on communism."

In quiet Bethlehem, Easter evening, a neat and handsome young soldier-driver shyly asked: "Who better, Kennedy or Johnson?" "Kennedy," I answered, "but Johnson is a good man too."

"Kennedy very good man," he said. "Jordan people cry when he die. Jews bad to kill Kennedy."

In Spain, the lead article in the current issue of the magazine Blanco y Negro is titled: "La Muerta de Kennedy, Crimen Politico?" And a newspaper headlines, a statement made in Budapest before the Communist-run International Assn. of Democratic Lawyers by New York lawyer Mark Lane, hired then fired by Mrs. Oswald: "Los Asesinos de Kennedy siguen en libertad."

(Was the death of Kennedy a political crime? The assassins of Kennedy are still at large).

SAID THE German wife of an Arab businessman: "You all tell us that the assassination was not part of a general conspiracy, but we know it was." If an American demurs, people simply glance at each other knowingly, their glances saying: "Americans are such children. Let them believe it was the act of a single psychopath if they want to, but we know better."

I talked to a Boston-born American doctor who looks and sounds as though he might be a member of the Kennedy family. Married to a French girl, he is on the staff of the American Hospital in Paris.

"The French aren't just anti-American," he said. "They don't really like anybody, even each other. And they plot so much among themselves and against each other, as the Algerian mess demonstrated, that they just can't believe that the Kennedy murder is as simple as we make it out to be."

HOW COULD Oswald have obtained an American passport

in one day? Why were there so many discrepancies and contradictory stories the day of the shooting about the number of shots fired, where they came from, and whether Mr. Kennedy's throat wound was an entry one, as Dallas doctors said, or an exit one as Washington doctors claimed later?

If Oswald fired a rifle, why was there gunpowder on his hands but not his face? How could a mediocre marksman, with an old bolt-action rifle and against a moving target, have gotten off three bull's-eye shots in only five or six seconds? One psychopath is possible, but could there possibly have been two, Oswald and Ruby, involved? The chances of such a coincidence are just too remote.

Americans may accept the Warren Commission findings readily, but millions of others certainly won't, on the basis of such questions being asked with increasing frequency and in more and more places.